



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Re Application of:

MIWA et al.

Examiner: S. J. SHARAREH

Serial No.: 09/787,394

Group Art Unit: 1617

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Title: NEAR INFRARED FLUORESCENT CONTRAST AGENT AND
FLUORESCENCE IMAGING

REPLY

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

In response to the Office action dated August 25, 2006, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.